**CELL PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

Research commissioned by FMCSA shows that the odds of being involved in a safety-critical

event (e.g., crash, near-crash, unintentional lane deviation) are 6 times greater for CMV

drivers who engage in dialing a mobile phone while driving than for those who do not.

Dialing drivers took their eyes off the forward roadway for an average of 3.8 seconds. At 55

mph (or 80.7 feet per second), this equates to a driver traveling 306 feet, the approximate

length of a football field, without looking at the roadway!

Research commissioned by FMCSA shows the odds of being involved in a safety-critical

event (e.g., crash, near-crash, unintentional lane deviation) are 23.2 times greater for CMV

drivers who text while driving than for those who do not. Texting drivers took their eyes

off the forward roadway for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, this equates to a driver

traveling 371 feet, or the approximate length of a football field (including the end zones)—

without looking at the roadway!

**The use of a hand-held mobile telephone means:**

Using at least one hand to hold a mobile phone to make a call;

Dialing a mobile phone by pressing more than a single button; or

Reaching for a mobile phone in a manner that requires a driver to maneuver so that

he or she is no longer in a seated driving position, restrained by a seat belt.

**Texting means manually entering text into, or reading text from, an electronic**

**device.**

Texting includes (but is not limited to), short message services, e-mailing, instant

messaging, a command or request to access a Web page, pressing more than a single button

to initiate or terminate a call using a mobile telephone, or engaging in any other form of

electronic text retrieval or entry, for present or future communication.

To provide the safest environment for students & passengers and promote responsible

mentoring for (School District), please read and adhere to the following

policy.

Affective: August 01, 2016:

**All employees are expected to follow applicable state or federal laws or**

**regulations regarding the use of Cellular Phones and Other Electronic Devices**

**at all times.** Employees who are charged with traffic or other violations resulting

from the utilization of such devices will be solely responsible for liabilities that

result from such actions.

**Cell phones shall not be used while performing pre-trip/post-trips, fueling or**

**operating any district vehicle.**

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**Cell phones are prohibited any time passengers are loading/unloading or on**

**the vehicle.**

**Cell phones are not to be visible at any time.**

**Cell phones are not to be used as a time piece.**

**Earpiece or the speaker phone function is prohibited.**

**Voice-activated dialing is prohibited.**

**Use of the hands-free feature is prohibited.**

Employees are expected to comply with the policies regarding the utilization of Cellular

Phones and Other Electronic Devices. Employees should limit the use of personal cell

phones to off-work hours (i.e. breaks, lunches, etc.). Violations of this policy will not be

tolerated and may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including termination.